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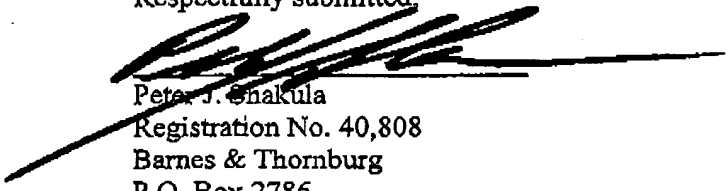
In response to the examiner's statement of allowability of the subject matter in claims 39, 41 and 42, the applicant has amended claim 39 to include all of the limitations of claims 33 and 34. The applicant has accordingly changed the dependency of claims 35 through 38 and 40 through 42. The applicant has combined the limitations of claims 33, 40 and 41 into new claim 43, and has prepared new claims 44 through 50, which correspond to the limitations found in claims 34 through 39, and 42. Since claim 41 had allowable subject matter, new claim 43 and its dependent claims are allowable.

The applicant has also made amendments to claims 34, 39, and 40, in response to the examiner's §112 objections.

In light of the amendments, the applicant believes the claims are now allowable and respectfully requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,


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